



## Wells Hall Primary School

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Dear parents & carers,

As you may be aware we currently have a very high number of pupils off with sickness & diarrhoea. This seems to be particularly prevalent amongst the younger pupils.

In school we are encouraging the pupils to wash hands regularly and with the younger pupils this will be supervised. We have contacted Public Health England for advice and they have issued the following guidance.

- *Hand hygiene is essential – wash hands with soap and water*
- *Ensure children wash hands properly, in children under 8 this maybe should be supervised*
- *Children or staff that have sickness and/or diarrhoea should be sent home immediately*
- *All fruit snacks must be stored in an airtight container, if they are not and a child is ill in class all fruit must be disposed off immediately.*
- *Discontinue communal play with sand, water, playdough*
- *Toys should be washed. Consider removing soft toys.*
- *Parents should be reminded that PHE guidance is to remain at home for 48 out from the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea (this guidance is also applicable to staff)*

This has been shared with all staff today. We are also enhancing cleaning practices to try and combat the spread of the illness.

I would be grateful if you could reinforce messages about basic hygiene, particularly hand washing with your children. Whilst the current round of illness is prevalent please err on the side of caution if your child indicates they are not feeling well. Also please ensure that you allow a minimum of 48 hours following any sickness before they return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards

Mr J Cleaver  
Headteacher

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**“Compassion Hope Justice Respect Wisdom Courage Resilience Integrity Responsibility”**